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CAMPAIGN OF FOURTH FIELD ARMY TO IMPROVE
MORALE OF WOUNDED CHINESE SOLDIERS

Comment: On 6 February 1953, the Canton organ of the Chinese Communist Party announced that in spring 1953 an extensive campaign "to comfort wounded soldiers" so that they could "return to the front" would be carried out in the Central-South Region of China by the Fourth Field Army. The relevant passages of the announcement are as follows:

In conjunction with the Central-South Bureau, Central Committee, CCP, and the Central-South Administrative Committee, the Headquarters of the Central-South Military Region has organized special groups to comfort wounded soldiers. During the spring 1953, these groups will conduct a large-scale campaign to comfort wounded soldiers convalescing in hospitals of the Central-South Military Region.

Comfort groups will be recruited from personnel of party, governmental, and military offices in the several provinces of the region and will be required to carry intensive comfort indoctrination to every wounded soldier in every hospital and sick ward. In addition to leaving gifts with the wounded and to sending spring festival presents to hospital wards, the comfort groups will show motion pictures and present entertainment programs for wounded soldiers.

The comfort groups will also explain to the wounded soldiers that the people, as well as military and civilian leaders, of the entire nation are deeply concerned about their welfare. With this explanation the wounded soldiers will be given indoctrination in loving the fatherland and the people and in maintaining discipline so that they will be able to convalesce with peace of mind and return, at an early date, to their positions at the front.

On the day designated, special representatives of the various departments of the Fourth Field Army will conduct comfort activities among all wounded soldiers convalescing in all of the Army's hospitals.

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